The Bay Area Information Technology Consortium (Bay ITC) is a collaborative regional effort between the 26 Bay Area community colleges and high technology businesses dedicated to educational innovation and information technology program reform in the Bay Region community college system. Led by Cabrillo College, Bay ITC has garnered support and input from such industry giants as Intel, Sun Microsystems, Hewlett-Packard, and Cisco Systems. Originating in the Silicon Valley, the Consortium now includes colleges from Monterey to Santa Rosa and extends from San Francisco to the Napa and Tri-Valleys. The Bay ITC represents the strongest workforce development network in the Greater Bay Area. We are connecting people, ideas and resources.

Bay ITC has developed a significant voice within the community college system to advocate for and support innovative partnerships between colleges, government agencies, high technology businesses, and community groups. The result is improved access to information technology programs, resources, education, and opportunities for under-represented populations. The Bay ITC leadership in this effort has earned attention nationally of both Rev. Jesse Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and the Information Technology Association of America. These organizations, serving very diverse interests, have come together with local business and community leaders to co-sponsor Bay ITC's 2002 Digital Bridges Symposium as well as endorse as a national model Bay ITC's industry outreach and faculty development project RISE (Regional Industry Support of Education). These two initiatives within Bay ITC have created a synergy for action between colleges, community based organizations and leading businesses which is unmatched in the Bay Region.

Bay ITC currently serves three constituent groups: colleges, community based organizations and industry. Formal membership within the Consortium includes:

• Cabrillo College	• Las Positas College
• Cañada College	• Los Medanos College
• Chabot College	• Merritt College
• City College of San Francisco	• Mission College
• College of Alameda	• Monterey Peninsula College
• College of Marin	• Napa Valley College
• College of San Mateo	• Ohlone College
• Contra Costa College	• San Jose City College
• DeAnza College	• Santa Rosa Junior College
• Diablo Valley College	• Skyline College
• Evergreen Valley College	• Solano College
• Foothill College	• Vista College
• Laney College	• West Valley College

California Community Colleges are the #1 education provider for post-GED students of all ages, levels, and socioeconomic backgrounds. California's 108 Community Colleges serve more than 2.5 million students and is the largest system of higher education in the world. Nearly 25% of the California Community College workforce development system is represented by Bay ITC. Training and certification of tomorrow's workforce are key elements of the supply-chain that moves qualified workers into sustainable wage jobs.

Our Consortium partners in various activities involve a wide range of industry and community leaders including the following:

Business and Industry	Workforce and Community-Based Agencies
- Bay Area Council - Bay Area Partnership - Information Technology Association of America (ITAA) - Cisco Systems - KLA-Tencor - Intel Corporation - Hewlett-Packard - Sun Microsystems - Bay Area Industry Education Council - JPD Communications - eCopia, Inc. - Santa Clara County Black Chamber of Commerce - Microsoft - North Bay Employment Connection - Autodesk - Lawrence Berkeley Lab	- Alameda County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) - East Bay Works - City of Richmond WIB - Contra Costa County WIB - Bay Technology Education Collaborative - Silicon Valley Workforce Investment Network - Santa Cruz County WIB - Workforce Strategy Center - Urban VOICE - Street Tech - Break Away Technologies - Workplace Hollywood - Bay Area School-to-Career Network - San Francisco Housing Authority - Rainbow/PUSH Coalition

Bay ITC unites the skills and resources of community colleges with those of the Bay Area Council, representing 275 of the regions largest and most influential employers, and the Information Technology Association of America (ITAA), comprised of regional and national IT businesses.